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All- I wanted to provide an update on the Administrator's travel situation today. As those of you who are in the office know, the flight the Administrator intended to take from Denver to Durango today was delayed to such a degree that he would miss a mission critical meeting at Gold King Mine. That meeting involved the Colorado Congressional delegation, the Governor, and key community leaders and stakeholders, and it was essential that the Administrator attend. Based upon my conversation with Ryan Jackson, there were no other available flights from Denver to Durango that would have worked with the scheduled meeting. People also looked into flights from airports near to Denver into Durango or other locations near Gold King Mine. While there was one potential alternative identified that had one seat available (and the airline may have gone as far as to reserve that seat in case we determined it would meet the travel needs and

requirements), Ryan's understanding from the security detail was that there was not any additional seat for a Special Agent to accompany the Administrator and, therefore, that flight did not meet the travel and security needs. Similarly, there was only one seat available on a plane with the Governor, so without the Governor removing someone else from the trip that was not an option either. After calling and consulting with me, there was a decision to secure a flight with a commercially-available charter service (<http://mayoaviation.com/charter/>). Ryan relayed that the cost was approximately \$5200. Ryan will deliver all of the paperwork to the AO team and us on Monday when they return to the office. At that point we will document the oral consultation and conclusion more formally.

AO folks, I cc'd you so everyone had awareness of where things stand from my perspective. If you want to talk through any aspect of this understanding today, please give me a call.

Thanks, Kevin

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